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Re: k050012
Trade/Device Name: Ventana Image Analysis System
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 864.1860
Regulation Name: Immunohistological Reagents and Kits
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: NQN
Dated: March 22, 2005
Received: March 23, 2005

Dear Dr. Tucker:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 800 to 895. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

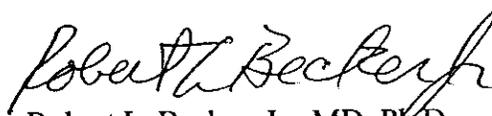
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Parts 801 and 809); and good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820).

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

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If you desire specific information about the application of labeling requirements to your device, or questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of In Vitro Diagnostic Device Evaluation and Safety at (240) 276-0484. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html>

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): K050012

Device Name: Ventana Image Analysis System

Indications For Use:

The Ventana Image Analysis System (VIAS) is an adjunctive computer-assisted image analysis system functionally connected to an interactive microscope. It is intended for use as an aid to the pathologist in the detection, classification and counting of cells of interest based on marker intensity, size and shape using appropriate controls to assure the validity of the VIAS scores.

In this application, the VIAS is intended to aid a qualified pathologist in the acquisition and measurement of images to quantify the percentage of positively stained nuclei in paraffin embedded breast cancer tissue specimens immunohistochemically stained for the presence of estrogen receptor (ER) or progesterone receptor (PR) proteins using Ventana's ER and PR reagents as well as Ventana's DAB copper chromogen and nuclear hematoxylin. It is indicated for use as an aid in the management, prognosis, and prediction of therapy outcomes of breast cancer when used with in vitro diagnostic reagents marketed for these indications.

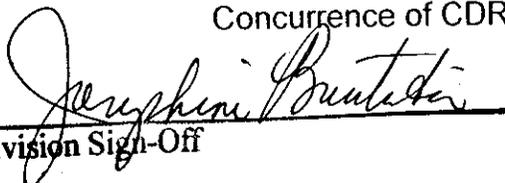
Prescription Use X
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____
(21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)


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